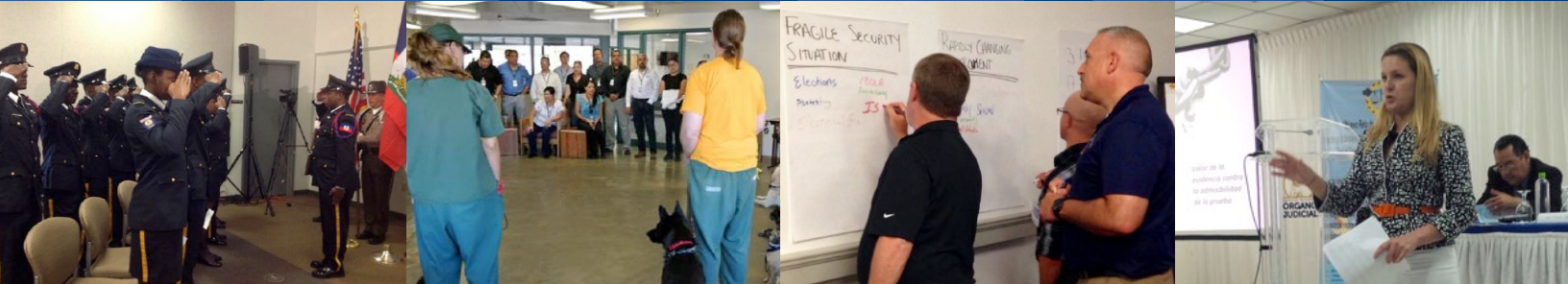




“What happens overseas, what we do overseas, has a direct and immediate impact on our homes, our streets, and our communities here in the United States of America.”

*—Assistant Secretary William R. Brownfield,
Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs*



INL STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS



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WHO WE ARE

INL works to keep Americans safe at home by countering international crime, illegal drugs, and instability abroad. INL helps countries deliver justice and fairness by strengthening their police, courts, and corrections systems. These efforts reduce crime and illegal drugs entering the United States.

INL PARTNERSHIPS WITH U.S. ENTITIES

INL establishes partnerships with state, county, and municipal departments across the United States working in police, justice, corrections, and maritime security to help foreign counterparts with similar functions build their capacity and make them more efficient and effective. Our U.S.-based partners include: prosecutors and defense attorneys; courts and municipal governments; state and local police departments; port agencies; and state correctional departments.

Our U.S. partners assist INL by:

- Hosting foreign counterparts for training and educational visits
- Deploying subject matter experts overseas
- Serving as mentors and advisors to foreign counterparts and their agencies

WHY PARTNERSHIPS?

Experts: U.S. partners face many of the same challenges their foreign counterparts do, and can speak to them based on real life experience as fellow professionals. INL partner organizations bring practical, up-to-date techniques and knowledge to their overseas colleagues.

Diverse Populations: INL matches U.S. partners with fellow professionals in countries that are relevant to state or local interests and expertise.

Catalyst for Change: INL arranges direct connections between U.S. partners and their host nation counterparts which is one of the most effective ways to help them improve their criminal justice systems. These collaborations not only help our international partners but often lead to lasting professional and personal relationships.

MUTUAL BENEFITS: WHAT OUR PARTNERS GAIN

The first and foremost objective of these programs is to support the foreign assistance objectives of the United States, however there are many other benefits for those who participate.

These programs are important professional development opportunities that can enhance teaching and public speaking skills of participants and helps them gain a more thorough understanding of their own field of work. Participants return home with enhanced credentials, international and federal experience, and contacts with foreign counterparts which may be useful in fighting transnational crime that impacts U.S. communities.

HOW WE ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS?

Identify Needs: INL identifies a U.S. foreign policy goal we can support with a partnership program.

Partner Selection: INL's Office of Criminal Justice Assistance and Partnerships (INL/CAP) determines the availability of appropriate experts and resources.

Formalized Mechanisms:

Once a U.S. partner is selected, INL utilizes a partnership mechanism to formalize the process and make financial arrangements.

Pre-Deployment

Training:

INL/CAP provides background materials, an overview of the mission, and detailed program instructions to the U.S. partner.

Deployment: INL representatives, both in Washington and at our Embassies, assist partners during international deployments and when hosting INL activities in the United States.

Post-Deployment: Upon completion of the project, partners submit reimbursement requests and close-out reports to INL..



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FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR PARTNERSHIPS

To accommodate the diverse needs of our partners, we provide a variety of mechanisms for partnering and funding. These include:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Frames the relationship and sets out basic terms of cooperation;

Cooperative Agreements: A grant method for reimbursing partner activity costs;

Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreement (IPA): Facilitates government partners detailed to the State Department that are providing training or assistance;

Invitational Travel: INL pays all associated travel costs for American partners participating in an INL program;

Nomination for a United Nations Mission: When INL nominates American officers to serve as “blue hatted” UN peacekeepers or on a UN mission.

EXAMPLES OF INL PARTNER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INL has conducted over 70 informal and formal partnerships in 25 states and the District of Colombia. Below are examples of these partnerships.

Justice: Prosecutors from the **Delaware Attorney General’s Office** traveled to Montenegro to assist their prosecutors implement plea bargaining in their justice system, and helping them adapt to their new roles as Montenegro moved from an inquisitorial to an adversarial judicial system.

Police: The **California Highway Patrol** traveled to Ukraine to implement a multi-phased training effort for Ukraine’s new patrol police force.

Corrections: The **Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services** provided a series of trainings for Haitian correctional officers on emergency response procedures, defensive tactics, and security threat group management.

Ports: **Miami-Dade County Police Department and PortMiami** hosted officials from the Jamaican Constabulary Force Marine Division for an educational study visit on how to plan and run harbor patrol operations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What level of commitment does INL require from U.S. partners?

The level of participation and commitment can vary by a partner’s availability, and can vary from hosting foreign officials to overseas engagements. We appreciate contributions our partners make to INL programs and strive to make these partnerships mutually beneficial without becoming a burden.

How much will it cost my agency to partner with INL?

INL partners are reimbursed for all expenses they incur related to their INL programs. This includes travel expenses, training materials and equipment, and often salary expenses; however educational visits hosted by U.S. partner agencies are not cost-reimbursable.

Is my agency obligated to respond to INL’s requests for activities?

No, participation in INL programs is completely voluntary and at the discretion of your agency or department.

How is the safety and security of our staff ensured?

U.S. partners have the support of INL and embassy staff while deployed, including the Regional Security Officer (RSO) at the embassy. Before deployment they receive briefings from INL and work closely with INL to ensure their understanding of activity requirements and host country safety conditions.

INL: PROJECTS IN OVER 90 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING

Afghanistan	Brazil	Costa Rica	Grenada	Kosovo	Montenegro	Serbia	Sri Lanka	Ukraine
Albania	Bosnia	Cote D'Ivoire	Guatemala	Kyrgyzstan	Morocco	Sierra Leone	Tajikistan	Uruguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Burkina Faso	Democratic Republic of Congo	Guinea	Laos	Nepal	Somalia	Tanzania	Uzbekistan
Armenia	Burma	Dominican Republic	Guyana	Lebanon	Nicaragua	South Africa	Thailand	Vietnam
Azerbaijan	Burundi	Egypt	Haiti	Liberia	Niger	South Sudan	The Philippines	West Bank/Gaza
The Bahamas	Cape Verde	El Salvador	Honduras	Libya	Nigeria	St. Christopher and Nevis	Timor-Leste	Yemen
Bangladesh	Central African Republic	Georgia	Hungary	Macedonia	Pakistan	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Togo	
Barbados	Chad	Ghana	Indonesia	Malaysia	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago	Tunisia	
Belize	China		Jamaica	Maldives	Paraguay	Turkmenistan	Uganda	
Benin	Cameroon		Jordan	Mali	Peru			
Botswana	Colombia		Kazakhstan	Mexico	Rwanda			
			Kenya	Moldova	Senegal			



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